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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mikio TAKAIWA, et al.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Terminal Disclaimer (executed)

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INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	3	0	x	\$86	=	\$0.00
		☐ MULTIP	LE DEPENDENT	CLAIMS	+	\$290	=	\$0.00
	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$396.00		
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 8 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.

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